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	Barbara N Burgess	2157	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 22 December 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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 ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.

2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:

- (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attached response.

6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: none.

Claim(s) rejected: 1,2,5-15,18-28,31-49,52-69,72-89,92-108,111-123,126-138 and 141-145.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 3-4, 16-17, 29-30, 50-51, 70-71, 90-91, 109-110, 124-125, 139-140.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____

Response to Arguments

The Office notes the following arguments:

(a) Goss does not disclose a cookie or digital certificate to identify a web call center resource, determine whether any web call center resource is available, or identify a web service application.

1. Applicant's argument has been fully considered but is not persuasive.

In response to:

(a) Goss explicitly discloses the Server maintaining a session with the customer's browser using cookies. This session includes the Web Server sending an HTML file that represents the site's homepage. Embedded in the file are applets that manage the call-back services and sessions with agents. Therefore, when the customer requests contact with an agent, the Server uses the **information from the cookies** (information from the session between the customer's browser and the Server are stored in the cookies) to direct the request to a qualified agent. Goss states "the Web Server maintains a session with the customer browser over the Internet using cookies or other session maintenance technology. This way, when the customer submits a call-back request, the Web Server can identify that customer for the purpose of matching the call-back request to a qualified agent (column 12, lines 54-59)."

Goss, without a doubt, discloses using a **cookie** or digital certificate to identify a web call center resource, that resource being an agent (column 5, lines 65-67, column 6,

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lines 1-11, 27-33, 45-51, 61-65, column 7, lines 1-10, column 12, lines 31-37, 43-49, 55-59, column 13, lines 7-10, 31-36). Particularly, the claim states "wherein identifying the web call center resource is based on **information stored in a cookie** or based upon information stored in a digital certificate". Examples of the information stored in the cookie are the customer's user id, password, name, call-back telephone number, identifier, corporate business that the customer represent, etc. This **information stored in the cookie** is used to pass the request to the appropriate agent (column 6, lines 1-10, 19-40, 45-50).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara N Burgess whose telephone number is (571) 272-3996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00am-4:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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